



## St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter

July 2018



### **REFLECTIONS FROM THE BOOK OF SIRACH 11:7-9**

Before investigation, find no fault; examine first, then criticize.

Before hearing, answer not, and interrupt no one in the middle of his speech.

Dispute not about what is not your concern; in the strife of the arrogant take not part.

*The New American Bible – Saint Joseph Edition*

### **CHOIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Francis Younger of our Council and Parish Choir Director request volunteers to sing in the choir. Interested Knights should contact Brother Francis before or after the Sunday 10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

Individuals who are not able to make it to Safe Environment Training there is an online alternative. The link for this sight is: <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1047>

This training is mandatory for Council Officers per K of C Supreme.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires this training for anyone who works in the Catholic Church's Youth Programs.

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Grand Bill Hoadley thanks all the Knights who helped out at the Breakfast Program at INASMUCH on 5 June 2018. The next date is 7 August 2018 @ 7:00 AM.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **August 2018**

August 1	Form 365 Due Order Church Drive Kit from Supreme – Now Order Coats for Kids – Now Plan Soccer Challenge - Now
August 4	Knighthood Celebration – Council 10852, Charlotte, NC
August 7-9	Supreme Convention in Baltimore MD
August 11	Fourth Degree Exemplification – Charlotte, NC
August 12	Venerable Michael McGivney's Birthday
August 14	Venerable Michael McGivney's Memorial
August 15	Assumption of Mary Holy (Day of Obligation)
August 15	State Per Capita Invoices (Mail Out)
August 15	Liability Insurance Invoices (Mail Out)
August 15	Council Semi-annual Audit – Due
August 15	Family of the Month Form – Due

## DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

### August 2018

August 18 State Golf Tournament – Herford, NC  
Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator 2629 – As needed  
August 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due  
All August District Meetings

### September 2018

September 1 1st Half of Program year ends – Due  
September 1 Matrix Form is due  
Hold Soccer Challenge this month  
September 3 Labor Day  
September 7-8 Eucharist Congress – Charlotte, NC  
September 15 State Per Capita Invoices Due  
September 15 Liability Insurance Invoices Due  
September 15 Family of the Month Form Due  
September 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due

### October 2018

October 6 Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Council 7450, Concord, NC  
October 8 Columbus Day  
October 8-14 Charitable Service Outreach Week  
October 13-14 Church Membership Drive  
October 15 Family of the Month Form Due  
October 20-21 Church Membership Drive  
October 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due

### November 2018

November 1 All Saints Day  
November 1 Soccer Challenge Report 4567 – Due  
November 2 All Souls Day  
November 15 Family of the Month Form - Due  
November 15 IRS Form 990 - Due  
November 17 4th Degree Exemplification, Wilmington, NC  
November 17 Knighthood Degree, Council 9499, Winston-Salem, NC  
November 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due

## DEGREE CEREMONIES

Further details for upcoming degree ceremonies are available on the K of C State Council Website:  
First, Second, and Third Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>  
Fourth Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/4th-degree/4th-degree-exemplification/>

<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	25 August 2018	9:00 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	5 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<b><u>Second Degree</u></b>	5 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 14767, High Point, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	10 September 2018	6:30 PM	Council 12610, Mocksville, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	11 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	13 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	18 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	6 October 2018	10:00 AM	Council 16442, Sapphire, NC

### **DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)**

<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	6 October 2018	12 Noon	Council 7450, Concord, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	9 October 2018	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	13 October 2018	12 Noon	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	16 October 2018	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	17 October 2018	7:00 PM	Council 9249, Thomasville, NC
<b><u>Second Degree</u></b>	20 October 2018	9:00 AM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	1 November 2018	6:30 PM	Council 10504, Winston-Salem, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	7 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	8 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<b><u>Second Degree</u></b>	9 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	13 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<b><u>Second Degree</u></b>	17 November 2018	11:00 AM	Council 6700, Kings Mountain, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	17 November 2018	12 Noon	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<b><u>Fourth Degree</u></b>	17 November 2018	12 Noon	Assembly 2047, Wilmington, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	1 December 2018	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	2 December 2018	7:00 PM	Council 8363, Franklin, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	8 December 2018	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC

### **CATHOLIC CLERGY WHO STOOD UP TO HITLER**

Financial Secretary Christopher R. Cooper

During World War II the Catholic Church was not complicit with the NAZI government of Adolf Hitler in spite of all the political correctness attempting to rewrite history. Many Catholic Church officials stood up against fascist tyranny that ran unabated in Europe in WWII. Some paid with their lives for standing on Christian Catholic principles. Countless Jewish lives were spared from the concentration camps. The Catholic Clergy prevented the death of many medically and mentally infirmed people who would have otherwise been euthanized as not being worthy of life. Allied troops benefitted from the bravery of the Catholic Clergy. Instead of languishing for years as prisoners of war the Catholic Clergy sheltered and helped them return to allied lines. Three examples of these brave clergymen are Pope Pius XII, Blessed Vilmos Apor, and Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

Pope Pius XII led the Catholic Church during WWII. Through his guidance approximately 860,000 Jewish people were saved from the horrors of the NAZI government. (Michael Journal, 2002) No other organization, religious, government, etc., can claim to have saved this many Jewish people from the atrocities of Adolf Hitler and his henchmen. Unfortunately, malcontents with a political agenda as far back as 1963 A.D. have borne false witness against Pope Pius XII. These malcontents have claimed Pope Pius XII either turn a blind eye to the Holocaust or collaborated with NAZI officials. None of these accusations are true. Here is a quote from Albert Einstein who fled his native Germany because of NAZI-ism, "Only the [Catholic] Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing the truth...I never had any special interest in the [Catholic] Church before, but now I feel great affection and admiration...and am forced thus to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly."

Blessed Vilmos Apor was Bishop of Győr, Hungary when Hitler's forces invaded Hungary. (Columbia, 2015) He offered shelter to the Jewish people. Blessed Apor decried the force removal of the Jewish people to the NAZI death camps. When the Red Army arrived in Győr Blessed Apor sheltered refugees from the drunken soldiers.

When these vagabonds demanded the young ladies who Blessed Apor sheltered, he stood in their way and they responded with gun fire. Blessed Apor saved the young ladies from being assaulted, but he paid with his life. He died from his wounds on Easter Monday 2 April 1945.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty has been dubbed a Scarlet Pimpernel-esque Vatican priest. (Lewis, 2011) He was in Rome, Italy during WWII. Monsignor O'Flaherty organized a network that sheltered approximately 4,000 allied troops who otherwise would have spent the remainder of the war in a prisoner of war camp. He played a game of cat and mouse with the NAZI authorities. A movie was made about Monsignor O'Flaherty called *The Scarlet and the Black* starring Gregory Peck.

Many Catholic Church officials from Priest, to Bishop, to Pope stood up to the tyranny of Adolf Hitler. Many Jewish people and allied troops benefitted from their bravery and opposition to NAZI rule. Some died for their principles while other survived WWII. Unfortunately, political correctness from malcontents and enemies of the Catholic Church defamed the efforts of these good men. The truth will preserve in the end. To end this article here is a quote from Sir Winston Churchill on standing up to tyrants, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayer all our deployed military members especially  
Christians in the Middle East.  
The victims of human trafficking.

**ARTICLES FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

Any Brother Knight who wants to add his article to the Newsletter, submit the article to Financial Secretary Chris Cooper, at the next Council meeting or send it via email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).